Exploration of Gas and Oil Reserve

2006. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where petroleum and natural gas have been found out and are being explored;

(b) the quantity in the oil and gas reserves of different States;

(c) the quantity of gas in Tripura that may be lifted each day; and

(d) the status of the proposals to establish gas-based thermal projects in Tripura on the initiaive of the ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Oil and natural gas has been found in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Tripura. Exploration activities for hydrocarbon exploration are being carried out in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal besides the East and West coast offshore areas.

(b) The balance recoverable oil and gas reserves in the country are 1658 million metric tonne (MMT) falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Tripura as well as offshore areas including deepwater.

(c) At present, the gas production potential in Tripura is about 4.2 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre per Day (MMSCMD) and sale/consumption is about 1.15 MMSCMD leaving the balance gas untapped.

(d) Feasibility study on generation of power by utilizing gas available in Tripura is at a preliminary stage.

Joint venture of oil companies

2007. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering or have decided to form a joint venture of all public sector oil companies for overseas aspirations and interests in entire petro chain;